

Table 1 Risk factors for a “borderline” clinical state in multiply injured patients

- Injury Severity Score (ISS) of 40 or more in absence of additional thoracic injury
- Polytrauma + ISS > 20 and additional thoracic trauma (Abbreviated Injury Score [AIS] > 2)
- Multiple long bones + trunk injury: AIS 2 or more
- Polytrauma with abdominal/pelvic trauma: abdominal bleeding > 3 liters and hemorrhagic shock (initial systolic pressure < 90 mmHg)
- Chest trauma: Lung contusions on first plain film
- Prolonged operation time: > 6 hours

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